



# Memorandum

**Date:** August 14, 2014  
**To:** Park, Recreation and Community Services Board Members  
**From:** Judie Wilke, Park, Recreation and Community Services Director  
**Subject:** **POTENTIAL DOG PARK SITES TOUR UPDATE**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Per the Park, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Board's (Board) recommendation at the July 24, 2014 special meeting, staff recommends that the Board provide staff with a recommendation on how to proceed with the development of an off-leash dog park. However, the Board may take any action it deems necessary and appropriate.

## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The development of a dog park has been discussed on and off since 1997. Since then, staff has been working with the City Council (Council) and the Board in assessing the feasibility of developing an off-leash dog park. More recently, at the Board's July 24, 2014 special meeting, the Board toured and discussed the following sites:

- Starlight Bowl - Employee Parking Lot (Last parking lot on the left side and near the driveway leading up to the Starlight Bowl) and the Lower Parking Lot (Lost is located on the corner of Walnut and Lockheed Drive);
- Whitnall Highway Easement South (Located on the corner of Verdugo Avenue and Avon Street); and
- Johnny Carson Park (South side of the 134, and north and south of Riverside Drive).

In alignment with the Board's recommendation, staff would like to continue engaging the Board and the community with discussions regarding the development of a potential dog park.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact is unknown at this time because a viable location has not been identified.

## CONCLUSION

The Board and the community had the opportunity to visit and discuss the aforementioned potential dog park sites. To that end, the Board may take this opportunity to provide staff with feedback regarding the potential sites. Staff will continue to keep the community abreast of any updates regarding the dog park.

# Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2014

To: Hon. Patricia Smith, Community Services Board Member

From: Julie Anne Park, Recreation and Community Services Director

Subject: POTENTIAL DOG PARK SITES TOUR UPDATE

## RECOMMENDATION:

For the Park Recreation and Community Services Board (Board) recommendation at the July 24, 2014 special meeting, staff recommends that the Board provide staff with a recommendation on how to proceed with the development of an off-leash dog park. However, the Board may take any action it deems necessary and appropriate.

## BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The development of a dog park has been discussed on and off since the 1970s. At that time, staff was working with the City Council (Council) and the Board in assessing the feasibility of developing an off-leash dog park. More recently, at the Board's July 24, 2014 special meeting, the Board turned and discussed the following sites:

- Brighton Bowl - Potential parking lot (land) parking for off-leash use and a new dog park, located off the Brighton Road and the Lower Parking lot. This site is located on the corner of Brighton and Lower Road.
- Whittier Highway - Potential site (located on the corner of Whittier Highway and Lower Road).
- Lower Canyon Park - Potential site (located on the east and south end of the site).

In addition, the Board's recommendation states that it is important to engage the Board and the community with discussions regarding the development of a new dog park.

## LOCAL IMPACT:

The facility is not a commercial site and has been identified as a site location has not been identified.

# EXHIBIT A

## POTENTIAL DOG PARK SITES



1. Brace Canyon Park (City-Owned Property)
2. Bel Aire Park (City-Owned Property)
3. Johnny Carson Park North (City-Owned Property)
4. Johnny Carson Park South (LA Owned Property-leased to City)
5. Whitnall Highway Easement South (City-Owned Property)
6. Whitnall Highway Easement North (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Owned Property)
7. Palm Park (City-Owned Property)
8. Starlight Bowl Parking Lot at Stough Park (City-Owned Property)
9. Wood Lot Area (City-Owned Property)
10. Cabrini Basin (City-Owned Property)
11. Interstate 5- HOV Right of Way (City-Owned Property)
12. Lundigan Park (City-Owned Property)

 Directly Adjacent Dog Parks.





**DOG PARK SITE CHALLENGES**

<b>POTENTIAL SITE</b>	<b>CHALLENGES</b>
1) Brace Canyon Park (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingress/egress impacts same neighborhood affected by park programming.</li> <li>• Located in residential area.</li> <li>• Proximity to adjacent resident homes.</li> <li>• Existing site would require grading to become suitable for use.</li> <li>• Area is adjacent to reservoir which could create water quality issues.</li> </ul>
2) Bel Aire Park (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingress/egress impacts same neighborhood affected by park programming.</li> <li>• Located in residential area.</li> <li>• Proximity to adjacent resident homes.</li> <li>• Limited street parking.</li> <li>• Currently utilized as an active ballfield facility. Redeveloping site would result in programming issues and a loss of revenue for the PRCS Department.</li> <li>• No permanent restroom facilities.</li> </ul>
3) Johnny Carson Park North (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans to redevelop park are currently underway and scope of that project does not include such a facility.</li> <li>• Impact existing developed park acreage.</li> <li>• Adjacent to freeway invites non-resident usage.</li> <li>• Area relies on street parking.</li> <li>• Impacted by Media District traffic and surrounding uses.</li> </ul>
4) Johnny Carson Park South (Los Angeles Owned Property- leased to the City)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts existing developed park acreage.</li> <li>• Adjacent to freeway (dog safety).</li> <li>• Area relies on street parking.</li> <li>• Impacted by Media District traffic and surrounding uses.</li> <li>• Borders residential neighborhood.</li> <li>• Could impact adjacent equestrian trails.</li> <li>• Areas will be used as staging site for LADWP upper reach project.</li> </ul>
5) Whitnall Highway Easement South (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in residential area.</li> <li>• Proximity to adjacent resident homes.</li> <li>• Ingress/egress would impact residential neighborhood.</li> <li>• Limited street parking.</li> <li>• Impact existing parkland acreage.</li> <li>• No restroom facilities or irrigation system.</li> <li>• Close proximity to other dog parks outside of city boundaries (1.3 miles).</li> </ul>
6) Whitnall Highway Easement North (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingress/egress would impact residential neighborhood.</li> <li>• LADWP easement land use issues.</li> <li>• No restroom facilities.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No irrigation system or water supply.</li> <li>• Limited street parking.</li> <li>• Close proximity to other dog parks outside of city boundaries (.35 miles).</li> </ul>
7) Palm Park (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not viable because there is a reservoir. A dog park can't be built over a reservoir due to water quality issues.</li> <li>• Ingress/egress impacts same neighborhood affected by park programming.</li> <li>• No dedicated parking.</li> <li>• Located in residential area.</li> <li>• Proximity to adjacent resident homes.</li> <li>• Currently utilized as an active ballfield facility. Redeveloping site would result in programming issues and a loss of revenue for PRCS Department.</li> <li>• No permanent restroom facilities.</li> </ul>
8) Starlight Bowl Parking Lot at Stough Park (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingress/egress would impact same neighborhood affected by Castaway, DeBell, Starlight Bowl and Nature Center traffic.</li> <li>• Upper portion of lot is over landfill and cannot be developed into an active park site due to ground settlement and regulatory issues.</li> <li>• No existing irrigation.</li> <li>• Would negatively impact programming at the Starlight Bowl.</li> </ul>
9) Wood Lot Area (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingress/egress would impact same neighborhood affected by Castaway, DeBell, Starlight Bowl and Nature Center traffic.</li> <li>• No restroom facilities.</li> <li>• No existing irrigation.</li> <li>• Currently, existing access is restricted.</li> <li>• Impacts to other City uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ BWP and PW wood lot storage area might have to be relocated</li> <li>◦ Security issues for site because it's near BWP training facility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10) Cabrini Basin (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingress/egress would impact residential neighborhoods.</li> <li>• One access point on private property and located immediately across from residential neighborhood.</li> <li>• No existing water supply, irrigation, restroom facilities, or dedicated parking.</li> </ul>
11) Interstate 5-HOV Right of Way (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjacent to freeway (dog safety).</li> <li>• Land better suited for a developed property with a higher use – Economic Development.</li> </ul>
12) Lundigan Park (City-Owned Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact existing parkland acreage (already very limited open space).</li> <li>• Located in residential area.</li> <li>• Ingress/egress would impact residential neighborhood.</li> <li>• Limited street parking.</li> </ul>